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OF LIGHT EMITTING STRUCTURES

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication (Kokai) No. Hei 08-043816, published February 16, 1996;
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication (Kokai) No. 2000-092415, published March 31, 2000, corresponding to United States Patent No. 6,445,373 B1, dated September 3, 2002 to Yamamoto; and
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication (Kokai) No. 2001-076529, published March 23, 2001.

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The references were cited in an Official Action dated August 27, 2008 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicants are submitting a copy of the above-cited references required by 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii), the Official Action, and an English translation of the Examiner's comments regarding the references from the Official Action. The relevance of the references is described in the Official Action.

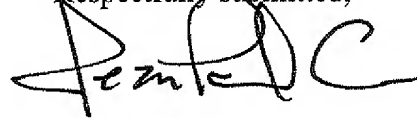
In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of portions of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Further, inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is also being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d), a statement is attached.

Applicants also submit the requisite \$180.00 official fee pursuant to §1.17(p) by charging deposit account no. 19-1013/SSMP.

Respectfully submitted,

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